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1. SUMMARY: DURING THE SECOND DAY OF THE NOV 29-30
EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN THE HAGUE, THE EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY
SITUATION AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE; BOTH TOPICS HAVE
BEEN REPORTED REF B. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE TINDEMANS REPORT,
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MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS, TERRORISM, AND FISHERIES;

RECEIVED A REPORT ON RHODESIA FROM UK PRIMIN CALLAGHAN;
AND AGREED TO THE NEW SLATE OF EC COMMISSIONERS. GISCARD HAS
CALLED FOR A REEVALUATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCILS PURPOSE.
TEXTS OF EUROPEAN COUNCIL STATEMENTS ISSUED ON JAPAN,
CIEC, AND THE TINDEMANS REPORT ARE BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.
END SUMMARY.

2. RHODESIA: CALLAGHAN INFORMED THE PRESS HE HAD REPORTED TO
HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE RHODESIAN NEOGIATIONS.

3. NEW COMMISSION: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FORMALLY APPROVED THE
NOMINATION OF ROY JENKINS AS THE NEW EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT.
THE NAMES OF THE OTHER NEW COMMISSIONERS WERE NOTIFIED BY THE
MEMBER STATES AND AGREED UPON BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. THE
NEW COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING: (UK)-JENKINS AND
TUGENDHAT; (FRANCE)- ORTOLI AND CHEYSSON; (FRG)-HAVERSKAMP
AND BURNNER; (ITALY)- NATALI AND GILITTI; (BELGIUM)- DAVIGNON;
(DENMARK)- GUNDELACH; (NETHERLANDS)- VREDELING; (IRELAND)-
BURKE; AND (LUXEMBOURG)- VOVEL.

4. CALLAGHAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD PREPARED A STUDY ON
POSSIBLE TERMS OF REFERENCE UNDER WHICH JENKINS AND THE NEW
COMMISSION MIGHT OPERATE, BUT THAT CURRENT COMMISSION PRESIDENT
ORTOLI HAD SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEW
COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A STUDY ON ITS OWN. CALLAGHAN
SAID THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO ORTOLIS SUGGESTION
AND WILL INVITE JENKINS TO DISCUSS THESE GUIDELINES WITH THEM AT
THEIR FEBRUARY SUMMIT.

5. MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS: THE UK GAVE NO GROUND IN
THE DISCUSSION OF MCA'S. CALLAGHAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT THERE
WILL BE NO DEVALUATION OF THE GREEN POUND. HE STRESSED THAT
THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS TO THE GREEN POUND PROBLEM: MCA'S
AND STRUCTURAL SURPLUSES; AND HE WARNED THAT CONCENTRATION
SOLEY ON MCA'S WOULD RESULT IN EVEN LARGER STRUCTURAL SURPLUSES
IN SOME MEMBER STATES. THE IRISH AND THE DANES STOOD FIRMLY
IN FAVOR OF ELIMINATING MCA'S; AND DEN UYL SAID AT HIS PRESS
CONFERENCE THAT MCA'S WERE BECOMING AN ALMOST UNBEARABLE BURDEN
FOR THE EC, DRAINING COMMUNITY FUNDS BY 700-MILLION UNITS OF
ACCOUNT THIS YEAR ALONE. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL
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HAD INVITED THE FINANCE AND AGRICULTURE COUNCILS TO REACH A
QUICK DECISION ON THE MATTER.

6. TERRORISM: ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE, CALLAGHAN
INFORMED THE PRESS THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF
TERRORISM.

7. FISHERIES: CALLAGHAN INFORMED THE PRESS THAT THE UK HAD

INTENDED TO RAISE FISHERIES ISSUES BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO DUE TO TIME PRESSURES. FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND ADDED THAT HE HAS HAD A NUMBER OF EXCHANGES ON THE ICELAND NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS AND THAT THE UK FELT SUCH BILATERAL EXCHANGES WITH THE COMMISSION WERE MORE USEFUL THAN REPRESENTATIONS TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

8. TINDEMANS REPORT: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ISSUED A FAIRLY BLAND STATEMENT (SEE SEPTTEL) ON THE TINDEMANS REPORT, APPROVING THE GENERAL LINES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS RECOMMENDATIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPORT ANNUALLY ON MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AND ON SHORT TERM PROGRESS WHICH MIGHT BE ACHIEVED TOWARDS EUROPEAN UNION.

9. TINDEMANS HIMSELF HELD A REMARKABLY UPBEAT PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE MEETINGS CONCLUSION. HE ACCENTED THE POSITIVE--STRESSING THE EUROPEAN COUNCILS APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN UNION OUTLINED IN SIX POINTS IN CHAPTER ONE OF HIS REPORT AND THE DECISION TO TAKE UP THE SUBJECT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

10. GISCARD'S PIQUE - LUXEMBOURG PRIME MINISTER THORN TOLD THE PRESS THAT GISCARD HAD EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WAY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IS NOW BEING USED, DECRYING ITS INEFFICIENCY AND ASSERTING THAT IT WAS NOT CARRYING OUT ITS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FUNCTIONS. ACCORDING TO THORN, GISCARD INTENDS TO WRITE A LETTER TO HIS EIGHT COLLEAGUES CALLING FOR A REEVALUATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCILS PURPOSE.
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